

\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_

INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Primary Sponsor)

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE PENALTY FOR AN OFFENSE OF HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION APPLIES UNLESS THE COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON WAS PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY HUNTING BIG GAME ANIMALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 87-3-304, MCA, is amended to read:

**"87-3-304. Landowner's permission required for hunting -- penalty.** (1) Every A resident and or nonresident must have obtained permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents before taking or attempting to take nongame wildlife or predatory animals or hunting on private property.

(2) (a) Except for hunting big game animals on private property as provided in subsection (2)(b), a person who violates this section shall, upon conviction for a first offense, be fined an amount not to exceed \$25.

(b) If the court finds that the person was purposely or knowingly hunting big game animals on private property without permission, the penalty in 87-1-102 applies."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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